

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 ) No. 3:20-cr-00008-004-TAV-JEM  
v. )  
 )  
DESMOND O. STEPHENSON )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

DESMOND O. STEPHENSON (“Defendant”) came before the Court for an initial appearance on April 15, 2024, in accordance with Rule 32.1 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure on the Petition for Warrant for Offender under Supervision (“Petition”) [Doc. 420].

After being sworn in due form of law, Defendant was informed of his privilege against self-incrimination under the 5th Amendment and his right to counsel under the 6th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The Court determined Defendant wanted to be represented by an attorney and that he qualified for the appointment of an attorney to represent him at government expense. Consequently, the Court **APPOINTED** Attorney Nakeisha Jackson of Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee, Inc., to represent Defendant.

Defendant was furnished with a copy of the Petition, and had an opportunity to review that document with his attorney. The Court determined that Defendant was able to read and understand the Petition with the assistance of his counsel. In addition, AUSA Caroline Poore explained to Defendant the specific charges contained in the Petition. Defendant acknowledged that he understood the charges in the Petition.

The Government moved Defendant be detained pending disposition of the Petition or further Order of this Court. The Court explained Defendant’s right to a preliminary hearing and detention hearing and what those hearings entail. Defendant conferred with his counsel and waived the preliminary hearing and detention hearing.

The Court finds that probable cause exists to demonstrate that Defendant has committed violations of his conditions of supervised release, and that Defendant has not carried the burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence that he will not flee or pose a danger to any other person or to the community. Consequently, the Court **GRANTED** the Government’s oral motion to detain Defendant pending disposition of the Petition or further Order of this Court.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that:

1. Counsel for Defendant and the Government shall confer and make best efforts to submit to the United States District Judge a proposed Agreed

Order with respect to an appropriate disposition of the Petition for Warrant for Offender Under Supervision.

2. In the event counsel are unable to reach agreement with respect to an appropriate disposition of the Petition for Warrant for Offender Under Supervision, they shall request a hearing before the Honorable United States District Judge Thomas A. Varlan.
3. The Government's motion that Defendant be **DETAINED WITHOUT BAIL** pending further Order of this Court is **GRANTED**.

**ENTER**

*/s/ Christopher H. Steger*  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE